

SITUATION REPORT NO. 6
INCIDENT NO. 2003-122
DATE: March 2, 2004 Time: 11:00 a.m.

TO: Governor John Hoeven
State Capitol
Bismarck, ND 58505

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Serious Water Distribution Problems –The declining Lake Oahe levels has had a negative impact on the water supply for the city of Fort Yates, beginning in November 2003.
2. DEATHS AND INJURIES: No deaths or injuries have been reported.
3. DAMAGES: No change from previous reports.
4. RESOURCES:
LOCAL: No change from previous reports.
STATE: No change from previous reports.
FEDERAL: No change from previous reports.
5. VOLUNTEER ACTION: No change from previous reports.
6. MAJOR ACTIONS: On Thursday, February 19, Governor John Hoeven hosted Brigadier General William Grisoli, division commander for the Northwest Division of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), and Colonel Kurt Ubbelohde, division commander for the USACE, Omaha District. Governor Hoeven, along with other state, local and tribal officials led a tour of Fort Yates and the New Town/Parshall area to provide first hand information on the serious impact of low water levels on the Missouri River.

On Thursday, February 24, representatives of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) provided a progress report on efforts to develop a reliable alternate water supply intake system for the Fort Yates water treatment plant. The following actions were discussed:

- Operations are wrapping up for the short-term fix for providing water to the treatment plant for the Fort Yates area. There are two electrical submersible pumps that have been installed and they are expected to be fully operational by March 3 or 4. Each of these pumps is able to provide 1,400 gallons per minute of water to the treatment plant.
- Construction of the sheet piling barricade around the intake valves has been completed.

- Options for a permanent solution include abandoning the two existing water treatment facilities and building a new one , along with the new intake station. Planning is still in process.
- The BOR continues to work closely with tribal authorities to identify costs associated with the incident. The tribe may need to divert funds from projected facilities construction to this project.
- The BOR is in the process of reimbursing response costs for state support in November and December to provide for drinking water needs in the area. North Dakota Emergency Management will facilitate the distribution of those reimbursements to appropriate state agencies.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: As indicated.

8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: No change from previous reports.

9. OTHER INFORMATION: The N.D. Division of Emergency Management's Situation Reports are posted on the Division's Internet home page. The address is <http://www.state.nd.us/dem>.

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